

Bid Letting: February 9, 2012 & February 23, 2012

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Bid Letting: February 9, 2012

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Submitted: Mon, 16-Jan-2012 16:46 MST

Company: Quality Landscape Seeding, Inc.

Contact: Lisa M. Read, PE

Question:

Regarding seeding, there is not a seeding specification in the Special Provisions

for area 3. Also, there are specifications for area 2, but not a corresponding bid

item or quantity shown on the plan sheets. Please advise. Thank you.

Answer:

Submitted: Wed, 18-Jan-2012 16:15 MST

Use the Seeding Area 1 specifications for all Area 3 applications. A bid item for

Area 2 seeding will be added by addenda.

Update: Wed 25-Jan-2012 10:45 MST

The revised Plan sheet showing the change can be found here:

[PLAN SHEET 12](#)

Update: Wed 01-Feb-2012 15:57 MST

A bid item for Fertilizer Area No 2 will also be added by addenda.

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Submitted: Thu, 26-Jan-2012 07:56 MST

Company: Knife River

Contact: Dave Resch

Question:

Are the geopak files available for this project? Thank You

Answer:

Submitted: Fri, 27-Jan-2012 10:21 MST

The design files for the requested project are posted on the MDT FTP site for your use at: [DESIGN FILES](#)

The requested files do not represent the staked project, but are only design files. The Department cannot guarantee the accuracy of the electronic data, particularly as it may be called up by your computer, nor does any data in these files supersede the data in the contract documents.

In addition, the Department will not make any revisions to the electronic files pertaining to the staked project, change ordered work, or changes that are made during construction to fit field conditions.

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Submitted: Wed, 01-Feb-2012 15:53 MST

Company: Knife River

Contact: Dave Resch

Question:

1) Per special provision #8, it states, "Do not perform any ditch work or work that may affect the irrigation users from April 15 to September 15 without written approval from the project manager". What are the criteria for approval from the project manager? What will the reasons be for not allowing approval?

2) In respect to special provision #8, Due to the subject bid date, award date, contract execution, staking, and approval of pipe lengths, what is your anticipated "Notice to proceed"? And with that "Notice to proceed" date when will pipe lengths be available to the contractor for production of the pipes? This does not leave enough lead time for production and delivery of pipe, box, and structures.

3) What will the duration of shop drawing approval be for the irrigation materials as this turnaround timeline is crucial to the irrigation season?

4) The utility relocation on the project does not appear to have been started

as of today's date, what is the anticipated start date for utility relocation and the anticipated completion of the utility relocation?

5) What is the extent of the utility relocations?

6) If the utility relocations are not completed in time for installation of the irrigation pipe and structures how will the contract time be handled and how will that impact be addressed in relation to SP #8?

7) With the limitations for SP #8 the contract times seems tight, can flex time be added to this project that would allow for the irrigation installation

to be installed next winter so material can be acquired and installed without impact to the irrigation season?

Thank you

Answer:

Submitted: Mon. 06-Feb-2012 13:35

Special Provision #2 is hereby replaced with the following:

2. CONTRACT TIME - FLEX TIME PROCEED DATE

A. General. This provision modifies Subsection 108.02 of the Standard Specifications.

B. Notice to Proceed. The notice to proceed will be issued with an effective date of September 4, 2012. The Contractor may change the notice to proceed date by submitting written notification to the Project Manager at least ten calendar days in advance of the date selected. Include an updated schedule with the notification.

C. Contract Time. Contract time assessment will begin on the notice to proceed date issued by the Department or as changed by the Contractor, whichever is earlier. Work is to be completed in 120 working days.

1. The Project Manager may approve ditch work during the restricted time of April 15 to September 15 if the Contractor provides a written work plan submittal along with signed concurrence from the water users and the ditch owner(s).

2. Flex time has been added to the Contract with a NTP date of September 4, 2012.

3. The review periods will be in accordance with Specification 105.02.

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Yellowstone Valley Electric anticipates beginning its relocations the last week in February. Relocation is anticipated to last 3 months. Their Engineer stated they will start first at the Pioneer Road intersection, then proceed to the McGirl Road intersection, and finally to the Shepherd Road intersection. It is anticipated work will be completed at each intersection prior to moving on to the next.

Qwest (Century Link) will begin relocations around the 1st of March (weather dependent) and hopes to be complete in approximately 2 months. Their initial plan is to do work where irrigation facilities are impacted first, but will

probably be jumping around to various locations as required. They have copper and fiber relocation work in and around the Pioneer Road intersection, copper relocation @ the McGirl Road intersection, and copper and fiber relocation

and lowerings in and around the Shepherd Road intersection including possible lowering of fiber and copper cable at the Siphon @ station 543+08 (if existing cable is deep enough lowering will not be needed at this siphon).

6. Delays due to utilities will be handled in accordance with Special Provision 15.

7. Yes, please refer to answer 2.

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Submitted: Sat, 04-Feb-2012 09:37 MST

Company: Knife River

Contact: Dave Resch

Question:

1. In special provision #27 it is referenced for 184 cubic yards of milled material

produced from the profile milling, is that quantity included in the 1497 Cubic yards

of cold millings produced in Special provision #28?

2. What are the requirements for restoration of the trenches for the new and removed pipe crossings? What are the sectional requirements for restoration?

If the trench is required to be replaced with PMS and a gravel section how is this paid?

3. There is no fence removal item, will fence removal be required in the new fence location?

Thank You

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 06-Feb-2012 12:45 MST

1. Yes.
2. Backfill trenches according to MDT Standard Specification 603.03.5.
3. Removal of fence is included in the cost of new fence.

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Clarification:

Submitted: Fri, 27-Jan-2012 13:24 MST

The Erosion Control Plans for this contract are hereby replaced. The original advertised Erosion Control Plans contained a Right of Way reference file level that was not necessary and has been removed. [REV EROSION CONTROL PLANS](#)

Clarification:

Submitted: Thu, 02-Feb-2012 16:15 MST

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Clarification:

Submitted: Fri, 03-Feb-2012 09:33 MST

Plan sheets 2, 5, 6 and 7 are hereby replaced as a result of the addendum changes. [SHEET NOS. 2 and 5-7](#)

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Submitted: Tue, 24-Jan-2012 16:17 MST

Company: Pumco Inc.

Contact: Chad D. Pumnea

Question:

Could you please post the Microstation and Geopak files?

Thank you.

Answer:

Submitted: Wed. 25 -Jan-2012 8:35 MST

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Submitted: Fri, 27-Jan-2012 13:30 MST
Company: Knife River-Belgrade
Contact: Steve Baeth

Question:

When is the relocation of the existing utilities located within this project scheduled to be completed?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 30-Jan-2012 09:32 MST

Relocation work will begin in the spring and may not be completed prior to the notice to proceed. The contractor will need to coordinate with utility relocation as specified in Special Provision No. 17, STATUS OF UTILITIES.

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Submitted: Fri, 27-Jan-2012 13:51 MST
Company: Montana Civil Contractors Inc.
Contact: Bob Koch

Question:

1. When does MDT anticipate the effective begin work date for this project?
2. Can you give the specified gradation for A-1-A, A-2-4, specifically the maximum size?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 30-Jan-2012 09:29 MST

~~1) The anticipated Notice to Proceed date is March 19, 2012. These dates can be found at the following link:~~ [NOTICE TO PROCEED DATES](#)

Updated: Fri, 03-Feb-2012 09:40 MST

See response to Question No. 9.

- 2) The special borrow and special embankment maximum aggregate size is 150 mm (six inches).

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Submitted: Mon, 30-Jan-2012 11:19 MST
Company: Montana Civil Contractors
Contact: Matt Montgomery

Question:

It is my understanding that existing plant mix is to be used as embankment on this project, SP 22. Given the close proximity to ground water, where in the embankment will it be acceptable to place the plant mix?

Answer:

Submitted: Tue, 31-Jan-2012 08:48 MST

Place the portion of the plant mix and gravel designated in the plans as suitable for embankment directly below the special borrow and above the ground water elevation.

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Submitted: Mon, 30-Jan-2012 16:17 MST
Company: Knife River-Belgrade
Contact: Steve Baeth
Question:

The Traffic Control for this project is bid as 1 LS. This is a 70 working day project with utilities in conflict and no confirmed utility relocation timetable. SP 17 states that there will be no additional compensation to the contractor due to utility delays. With the complexity of the project and the 70 working day duration this project seems like a good candidate for Traffic Control by the unit. Would MDOT consider changing the TC item to units? The ongoing projects adjoining each end of this project are 20 and 25 working day contracts with no utility conflicts and they are both bid by the unit.

Answer:

Submitted: Tue. 31-Jan-2012 12:02 MST

The bid item for Traffic Control - Lump Sum will be changed to Traffic Control Devices - CB by addenda.

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Submitted: Mon, 30-Jan-2012 16:18 MST
Company: Knife River-Belgrade
Contact: Steve Baeth
Question:

SP 19 Traffic Control Plan and Sequence of Operations B.5 says; When the present traveled way is disturbed, replace aggregate surfacing, place 0.20 foot of bituminous surfacing and maintain to provide a smooth riding surface. Is this item to address asphalt repairs if drainage items are installed early? Is the replaced aggregate surfacing covered by the traffic gravel item? Please clarify.

Answer:

Submitted: Tue. 31-Jan-2012 12:00 MST

The repairs are for drainage structures or other contractor operations that disturb the existing surfacing, at the contractor's option, in advance of the mainline grading operations. The repairs are at the contractor's expense and the traffic gravel bid item is not to be used for these repairs.

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Submitted: Tue, 31-Jan-2012 13:34 MST
Company: Knife River-Belgrade
Contact: Steve Baeth
Question:

Would MDT consider deleting the Liquid Asphalt MC-70 item and replacing it with an item for Aggregate Treatment? It seems like distributors are generally not readily available once a project is ready for MC-70 due to conflicts with the chipping season.

Answer:

Submitted: Wed. 01-Feb-2012 10:04 MST

The bid item for MC - 70 will be deleted and a bid item for 20,653 square meters of

Aggregate Treatment will be added to the Schedule of Items by addenda.

Special

Provision #29 - MC-70 Prime Coat is hereby replaced with Aggregate Treatment.

This special can be found at the following link:

[AGGREGATE TREATMENT](#)

Answer:

Submitted: Wed. 01-Feb-2012 15:41 MST

The bid item for Blotter Material will also be deleted by addenda.

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Submitted: Wed, 01-Feb-2012 08:31 MST

Company: Knife River-Belgrade

Contact: Steve Baeth

Question:

In SP 15 regarding the 404 Permit and 401 Certification it states that the authorization is valid until March 18, 2012. Can MDOT request an extension for this permit.

Answer:

Submitted: Thu, 02-Feb-2012 08:48 MST

If MDT is under contract to construct this project before March 18, 2012, the Contractor will have 12 months after March 18, 2012, to complete the project under the present terms and conditions of this 404 permit. If construction will not be complete before March 18, 2013, notify the Project Manager, to coordinate with the District Project Development Engineer to secure appropriate permit re-authorizations.

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Submitted: Wed, 01-Feb-2012 13:49 MST

Company: Pumco Inc.

Contact: Chad D. Pumnea

Question:

Status of Utilities and Sequence of Operations. The new mainline will completely cover the existing irrigation ditch.

The new irrigation ditch cannot be built until utilities are relocated. Irrigation

season begins April 20th. Would MDT consider flex time for this project or will utilities be moved in time for contractor to build new irrigation structures

prior to April 20th? Thank you.

Answer:

Submitted: Thu. 02-Feb-2012 13:35 MST

Special Provision 2. Contract Time is rescinded and replaced with the following:

2. CONTRACT TIME - FLEX TIME PROCEED DATE [103] (REVISED 1-20-10)

A. General. This provision modifies Subsection 108.02 of the Standard Specification.

B. Notice to Proceed. The notice to proceed will be issued with an effective date of July 9, 2012. The contractor may change the notice to proceed date

by submitting written notification to the Project Manager at least ten calendar days in advance of the date selected. Include an updated schedule with the notification.

C. Contract Time. Contract time assessment will begin on the notice to proceed date issued by the Department or as changed by the Contractor, whichever is earlier. Work is to be completed in 70 working days.

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Submitted: Fri, 03-Feb-2012 15:09 MST

Company: Montana Civil Contractors Inc.

Contact: Bob Koch

Question:

Is Pugmill mixing required for the Crushed Aggregate Course 5,757 M3?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 06-Feb-2012 08:21 MST

Yes.

103 - HARDY CREEK NORTH - NB

Clarification:

Submitted: Tue. 07-Feb-2012 12:17 MST

The date on the front page of the proposal of February 9, 2011 should be February 9, 2012. This will be corrected for the awarded proposals.

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Submitted: Fri, 03-Feb-2012 17:11 MST

Company: Riverside Contracting, Inc.

Contact: Cale Fisher

Question:

SP 15 is for Commercial Plant Mix. Should this be the standard SP for Non-Commercial Plant Mix?

Answer:

Submitted: Tue. 07-Feb-2012 13:37 MST

Special Provision No. 15, Commercial Plant Mix Bituminous Surfacing is hereby replaced with Plant Mix Bituminous Surfacing - Grade S Acceptance.

[Special 15](#)

104 - CROOKED CR - 3 KM NE OF SHEPHERD

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Clarification:

Submitted: Fri, 27-Jan-2012 13:24 MST

The quantity for bid item #555 010 200 - Reinforcing Steel - Epoxy Coated has been changed from 17,349 lbs to 20,365 lbs by addenda. The revised plan sheet can be found at the following link:

[BRIDGE PLAN CHANGE](#)

Clarification:

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Submitted: Tue, 31-Jan-2012 16:01 MST

Company: Sletten Construction Company

Contact: Russ Robertson

Question:

There is a treated wooden fence on the right side from 41+40 to approximately 47+00. The specifications refer the contractor to the right of way agreements.

Please post agreements. Specifically, what happens to this fence?

Answer:

Submitted: Thu. 02-Feb-2012 13:17 MST

The fence from 41+56 RT to 47+04 RT is to be removed and becomes property of the contractor. 560 LN. FT. of REMOVE FENCE will be added to the contract by Addendum.

The revised plan sheet can be found at the following link:

[FENCING PLAN CHANGE](#)

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Submitted: Fri, 03-Feb-2012 16:30 MST

Company: Knife River

Contact: Leo Zwemke

Question:

SP #31.C.6.d - Commercial plant mix will not be tested..... where the volume

is less than 500 tons. Does that mean total project volume or a days run?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon. 06-Feb-2012 13:40 MST

Commercial plant mix will not be tested on crossovers, detours, guardrail widening,

patching or where the project's total volume is less than 500 tons.

105 - 10TH AVE SOUTH - WARDEN BE - 18TH - GTF

Clarification:

Submitted: Mon. 23-Jan-2012 8:50 MST

Special Provision No. 12, PROTECTION OF STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, The 2nd sentence of

Paragraph D is hereby revised:

Work performed to prevent pollution and control sediment transport due to storm

water will be paid as Miscellaneous Work.

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Submitted: Tue, 17-Jan-2012 14:26 MST

Company: United Materials of Great Falls, Inc.

Contact: Scott

Question:

The "plan view" shown on plan sheet 12 shows placement of #5 deformed bars on the newly constructed transverse joint and #4 deformed bars on the existing longitudinal joints. Is this what is desired?

Answer:

Submitted: Wed, 17-Jan-2012 10:32 MST

Yes, the detail is correct.

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Submitted: Fri, 03-Feb-2012 17:42 MST

Company: HM Concrete LLC

Contact: Steve Habets

Question:

Does the sawing for removal have to be clean cut? We would like to overcut to ensure full depth sawing to make removal clean.

Answer:

Submitted: Tue, 07-Feb-2012 11:27 MST

Overcutting into the adjacent slabs is not allowed.

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No Questions at this time.